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1. The headquarters of the recently formed Nationalist 1 Route Army is at Tounen (113-13, 22-14), Awangtung. Troops of the army are harassing Communist troops in the Canton area and maintaining a blockade of the mouth of the Pearl River.
2. Approximately 1,500 troops of the 1 Route Army and one Nationalist air squadron are on Santsao Island (113-, 22-). The Nationalists intend to use the island as the main base for the Nationalist Navy and Air Force to blockade traffic moving from Hong Kong and Lacao to Canton. Central Air Transport Corporation (CATC), China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC), Civil Air Transport (CAT) and Nationalist military aircraft use the Santsao airstrip daily.\*
3. Approximately 2,000 troops of the 1 Route Army are now in the Chien-shan (113-32, 22-14) area.
4. An undetermined number of 1 Route Army troops are in control of the Feng-huangshan (113-15, 24-38) area, which was occupied by Communist guerrillas until mid-October, when they were driven out.
5. Except for the one squadron now on Santsao, all Nationalist military planes in Canton were evacuated to Hainan Island before the Communist occupation of Canton.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment: The Nationalist forces cannot hold Santsao against an all-out Communist attack unless reinforcements are received.

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